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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### SOUTHEAST ALASKA SPRING TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial spring troll fishery:

The spring troll areas and Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) listed below **will remain open until further notice:**

Ketchikan (101-29)	West Behm Canal (101-90)	Neets Bay THA (101-95)
Clarence Strait (106-20)	Steamer Point (106-30)	Ernest Sound (107-10)
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	Port Armstrong THA (109-11)	Frederick Sound (110-31)
Chatham Strait (112-12)	Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	Sitka Sound (113-41)

The spring troll areas listed below will be open according to the following schedule. All areas will open at 12:01 a.m. of the opening date and close at 11:59 p.m. of the closing date. The openings may be extended if Alaska hatchery contributions are high and would be announced in a future news release. **Coho salmon opened for retention as of June 15.**

**Ketchikan Areas:**

West Rock (101-21)	June 18-20
Point Alava (101-41)	June 21-23
Kendrick Bay (102-10)	June 18-23

**Petersburg/Wrangell areas:**

Sumner Strait (105-41)	June 17-19
Snow Pass (106-41)	June 20-22
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	June 18-20
Baht Harbor (108-30)	June 18
Craig Point (108-40)	CLOSED

**Chatham Strait areas:**

Little Port Walter (109-10)	June 19-22
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)	<b>June 18-19*</b> may be extended pending data results

**Sitka area:**

Western Channel (113-01)	June 18-21
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	June 18-19
Biorka Island (113-31)	<b>CLOSED</b>
Goddard (113-32)	June 18-22
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	June 18-21

**North Chatham Strait, Icy Strait and Pelican areas:**

Lisianski Inlet (113-95)	June 18-22
Port Althorp (114-50)	June 18-22

The following areas will open June 17-23:

Hawk Inlet (112-65)	Stag Bay (113-97)	Cross Sound (114-21)
South Passage (114-23)	Homeshore (114-25)	Point Sophia (114-27)

**CHUM AND CHINOOK SALMON CATCH REPORTING**

It is extremely important to keep fish caught in different fishery areas separated so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. In order to maximize and document the harvest of Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook and Chum salmon in the spring fisheries, catches must be reported accurately. If more than one area or fishery is fished, or fish are kept for more than one period, **trollers and tender operators are required to keep fish separated by area until offloaded to a shore-based processor, and report these catches separately on separate fish tickets (5AAC 29.130)**. The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets, as well as dates that the fishing trip started and ended.

**The department requests that FAS (Frozen At Sea) vessels deliver all Chinook salmon to tenders or shore-based processors in head-on, fresh/iced condition, unless an exemption permit has been issued for that area.**

All fish legally retained in the commercial salmon troll fishery, whether for sale or retained for **personal use** (condition code 95) **must be recorded on a fish ticket**.

**AREA DESCRIPTION CLARIFICATIONS:**

**Goddard Area (Fishery area 113-32):** In waters enclosed by a line beginning on **Baranof Island at 56°51.72' N. lat, 135°23.21' W. long**, to the southernmost point on Torsar Island to the northernmost point on Legma Island to the northernmost tip of Elovai Island, and north and west of a line from 56°49.47' N. lat, 135°23.05' W. long, to a point on Baranof Island at 56°49.63' N. lat, 135°22.51' W. long.

**DEEP INLET TERMINAL HARVEST AREA (113-38):**

Beginning May 27, the waters of Deep Inlet THA will be managed on a rotational gear fishing schedule. From May 27 through June 16, the waters of Deep Inlet west of 135°20.75' W. long, are included in the Sitka Sound spring troll area. **Beginning June 17**, all waters within the Deep Inlet THA boundaries will be excluded from the Sitka Sound spring troll area. A description of THA boundaries and fishing schedules can be found in the Deep Inlet news release issued April 18.

**NEW REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES:**

During the Board of Fisheries (BOF) meeting held in Ketchikan from February 24–March 4, new regulations were adopted that relate to the 2012 spring troll fisheries. ***These new regulations are not expected to take effect until sometime in July.***

**CODED-WIRE-TAGGED FISH**

The heads of all adipose fin-clipped salmon must remain attached to the fish until the fish are sold [5 AAC 29.140 (b)]. Permit holders who freeze their catch onboard are asked to contact the department prior to fishing so that sampling and fish ticket issues can be discussed. An Exemption Permit is required to allow the removal of heads from Chinook salmon harvested in the spring areas prior to delivery.

The emergency orders corresponding with this announcement are 1S2212.

The **2012 Spring Troll Management Plan, which includes maps** of the spring areas, is available at all regional ADF&G offices and is on the troll fishery website at:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\\_managementplans](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans)

<b>2012 Spring and Directed Troll Preliminary Chinook Harvest and Effort</b>				
Spring Troll Area	<i>Current Week (sw 24)</i>		<i>Cumulative</i>	
	Landings	Harvest	Landings	Harvest
West Rock (101-21)			5	19
Ketchikan (101-29)	28	355	142	1,283
Point Alava (101-41)			*	*
West Behm Canal (101-90)	*	*	6	55
Kendrick Bay (102-10)			26	404
Sumner Strait (105-41)			47	241
Clarence Strait (106-20)			*	*
Steamer Point (106-30)	5	72	13	151
Snow Pass (106-41)			3	19
Ernest Sound (107-10)	6	74	29	367
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	9	49	41	270
Baht Harbor (108-30)	10	33	18	70
Craig Point (108-40)			*	*
District 8 (Directed Fishery)			64	237
Little Port Walter (109-10)**			59	615
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)**	4	43	130	2,478
Frederick Sound (110-31)	6	67	41	262
District 11 (Directed Fishery)			*	*
Chatham Strait (112-12)**	5	72	85	894
Hawk Inlet (112-65)			4	51
Western Channel (113-01)	30	387	81	727
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	16	187	89	721
Biorka Island (113-31)	41	555	115	1,533
Goddard (113-32)	*	*	8	44
Sitka Sound (113-41)	68	569	334	2,654
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	*	*	26	239
Lisianski Inlet (113-95)	*	*	10	40
Stag Bay (113-97)			8	68
Cross Sound (114-21)	*	*	11	98
South Passage (114-23)			5	19
Homeshore (114-25)	3	5	25	107
Point Sophia (114-27)			12	22
Port Althorp (114-50)			23	132
<b>Totals for Region</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>13,843</b>
*Data is confidential when harvest for fewer than 3 permits is reported				
**Weekly landing and harvest data delayed, tender deliveries still pending.				

The troll fishery website can be found at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon>.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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